

#### VoiceLogger, Inc – Technology Leader on the Plains

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# About VoiceLogger

- VoiceLogger, a brief history
- Technology in a small town –
  selecting and retaining talent
  - Organic
  - Inorganic



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- VoiceLogger model and management team
- Challenges of overcoming the "small town identity"
- Growth and future of VoiceLogger



#### • • Challenges to VoiceLogger

- "Small town identity"
  - Perception by market, analysts, media
  - Positioning by competition
- Technology infrastructure
  - Data and Telecom infrastructure
  - Manufacturing and production



#### Challenges to VoiceLogger

- Talent
  - Engineering
  - Sales/Marketing/Administrative
- Benefits
  - Healthcare
  - Dental/vision plan offering



#### Fight the small town perception

- Position the strengths
  - Lower cost of operation
  - Better quality of living
- Positively refute the misconceptions
  - Chamber of Commerce data
  - State-provided data



- Technology Infrastructure
  - Use what we have to our advantage
  - Work with providers (ILECs, CLECs, etc.) to grow capabilities
  - Work with state officials to sponsor legislation promoting rural technology development



- Talent
  - Engineering
    - Recruit to the advantages of the locale
      - Schools
      - Cost of living
      - Family atmosphere
  - Sales/Marketing/Administrative
    - Focus on organic growth
    - Don't restrict sales talent to just local



#### Benefits

- Healthcare
  - Work to develop and educate a healthy employee population
  - Constantly evaluate costs and options
- Dental/Vision
  - Work to develop local coverage plans
  - Create a fund that allows for "well care" treatments, minimizing costs



# • • Conclusion

- Technology companies <u>can</u> be built and succeed in rural areas
- Perceived weaknesses can be positioned into strengths
- Work with state and local government and chambers to develop your industry

#### **Thank You!**

